

ABSTRACT

A camera (11) includes: a CMOS image sensor (12) which converts input light so as to obtain image data; a GPS/LPS section (21) or a non-contact ID-chip reading section (22), which detects the location of the camera itself; an operation restricting condition setting section (20) which determines whether or not the detected location is inside of a predetermined area; and an operation controlling section (17). If it is determined that the location of the camera itself is outside of the predetermined area, the operation controlling section (17) restricts the image pickup operation in the CMOS sensor (12).